

**New Shoreham Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall, Old Town Road  
Tuesday, March 29, 2011  
7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, Council members Richard P. Martin and Kenneth C. Lacoste. Also present were Water Superintendent David Simmons, Town Manager Nancy Dodge and Deputy Town Clerk Millicent McGinnes for the recording of minutes. Council member Peter B. Baute was absent.

First Warden Gaffett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing: Amendment to New Shoreham's Revised General Ordinances  
Chapter 19 Utilities, Article VI New Shoreham Water District to add properties  
nominated for an expansion of the Water District**

Ms. Gaffett noted that the ordinance amendment was advertised and Water Superintendent Dave Simmons has noticed the concerned property owners in the proposed district with an extremely informative, well written letter.

Ms. Gaffett disclosed that she is one of six owners of two lots to be included in the district. She explained that there was no financial gain for her or her family members and that the district was representing a whole class of lots. She stated that she intended to participate and vote, as it is for the economic good and improved health and fire safety of the community.

Mr. Lacoste concurred with Ms. Gaffett also disclosing that he is a partial owner of a property in the district and intended to participate and vote for the same reasons noted by Ms. Gaffett.

Water Superintendent Simmons explained that the expansion of the water district along Ocean Avenue and West Side Road is being proposed for the following reasons: E. Searles Ball Housing's public well is out of compliance due to copper and lead levels; needed fire hydrants can be put along the line; New Harbor business are facing sprinkler requirements that must be met; a standby service can be offered to businesses; a USDA grant will cover 40% of the costs; and the rest of the costs will be covered by the confirmed new users. He further explained that each lot along the line will be stubbed for potential future connection, but only undeveloped lots (currently without a well) will be required to connect. Following comments from audience members Patrick Evans and John Connell, Superintendent Simmons confirmed that the West Lane development will be stubbed in case a future need arises, but there will be no mandatory hook up required. Hookup would be initiated by the homeowner, not the Town.

Mr. Lacoste made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and it carried.

4 Ayes (Gaffett, Torrey, Lacoste, Martin)    0 Nays    1 Absent (Baute)

Mr. Torrey made a motion to approve the plans for expansion of the Water District as noted on the map presented and adopt the associated ordinance amendment as advertised. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and it carried.

4 Ayes (Gaffett, Torrey, Lacoste, Martin)    0 Nays    1 Absent (Baute)

**Discussion regarding uses of Plat 6, Lots 146 & 147, Water Street**

Town Manager Dodge detailed the progress of the short term goal of stabilizing the bank and sidewalk area of Lot 146 near the Surf Hotel and creating a gentler slope to the beach. She explained that the biologists report needed for the CRMC application was just received, therefore the application should be filed in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Torrey and Mr. Martin shared their concern over the timing of the project, noting they would like to see it completed shortly.

Ms. Dodge reported that the two benches for Lot 147 in memory of Bill and Harriet Phelan have been ordered and will be in place by the summer. She also reported that the fence has been removed from Lot 147.

Ms. Gaffett stated that as the short term plan for the property is set, it is important to discuss a long term plan. She noted that the Council has received a number of ideas and concepts, listing the following contributors: Mary Farnham Cooper, Herman Hassinger, The Gifford Design Group, Doug Gilpin, et al, The Old Harbor Task Force, the Conservation Commission, Bill Penn of Historic District Commission's (HDC), Socha Cohen, Harold Hatfield and Bruce Montgomery.

Mr. Torrey stated that he was in favor of following Bruce Montgomery's suggestions and make the area safe and accessible, manage the brush and view-shed, and do nothing more for the time being.

From the audience, Bill Penn offered the HDC's assistance with vision. Sosha Cohen suggested using large boulders to build a natural staircase. Cliff McGinnes suggested using the left over pier post material from the dock work to create a low fence along the sidewalk to curb runoff, erosion and passage.

Mr. Lacoste made the following suggestions:

- Build a simple staircase.
- Construct a partial boardwalk from a southern entrance.
- Keep the area natural.
- Place boulders in front of the benches to reduce the erosion.
- Place boulders at the bottom of the steep eroding path near the Surf to deter usage of the path.

Ms. Gaffett stated that she thought it was important to provide a pathway to a boat launch area on the property.

In conclusion Ms. Gaffett summarized the goals as follows:

- Clean up the area.
- Shore up the sidewalk.
- Open a clear pathway from the southern entrance to the beach.
- Post signage to direct people to the beach through the pathway.
- Place boulders at the base of the steep dangerous path.
- Submit a buffer maintenance plan to CRMC to allow trimming and view-shed maintenance of the natural growth.
- Reconvene in September with the Old Harbor Task Force to discuss future goals.

Ms. Gaffett invited those interested to join the First Warden in a Monday a.m. cleanup of Lots 146 & 147 throughout the summer.

It was noted that the Conservation Commission should assist with the buffer maintenance plan and a CRMC application regarding such should be addressed now.

Ideas for a name of the lots were discussed. The Council decided to call the lots Pole Harbor Beach.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Torrey made a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Mr. Lacoste seconded with all in favor.

Millicent McGinnes  
Deputy Town Clerk

Submitted: April 1, 2011  
Approved: April 20, 2011